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There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 44 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 76 percent of normal. The main farm activities were planting for winter pastures and harvesting cotton, corn, and soybeans. Some farmers are encountering insect and weed problems in soybeans and winter pastures are still in need of more rain.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	90	79	80					
Cotton	Harvested	45	35	39			2	79	19
Rice	Harvested	90	66	75					
Sorghum	Harvested	97	88	86					
Soybeans	Turning Color	97	86	85					
	Shedding Leaves	80	62	62			15	44	41
	Harvested	40	21	18					
Wheat	Planted	15	11	17					
	Emerged	3	9	10					
Peanuts	Harvested	96	88	89					
Pecans	Harvested	11	2	3	13	13	48	22	4
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	72	63	66					
Livestock							12	83	5

County Agent Comments

"This has been a great harvest season and we are already 50% through. Due to the new variety of peanuts planted, excellent vine quality, and ideal weather conditions, this year's peanut harvest during the past three weeks has been the fastest that I can remember. As a result, the peanut harvest is almost complete."

— Charlie Estess, Coahoma County

"The June and July rain did not damage the cotton crop as much as expected. However, the rain had a significant impact on sweetpotato yields. Beef producers are unhappy with the low market price received for feeder calves this fall."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Corn harvesting is almost completed with yields between 75-150 bushels. One producer reported 135 bushels per acre on 250 acres. Cotton harvesting began this week with above average yields reported. Soybean harvesting on early varieties began this week also. Green weeds are causing problems in the early beans. Loopers have been migrating from cotton to soybeans, but no spraying has been done yet."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We have had an excellent harvest season and corn and grain sorghum harvest are almost complete. Soybean harvest is progressing nicely and cotton harvest is well above the same period last year. Producers are surprisingly pleased with the yields of all crops"

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

"Early soybean yields appear to be lower than long term averages for our bottom land soil. Cotton yields are excellent. Rain is needed for winter pastures."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"We received 3 1/2 inches of rain on Saturday and Sunday. This will greatly benefit the winter grazing situation. Corn is nearly harvested with excellent yields and beans are beginning to be harvested. We would like for hog and cattle prices to increase."

— Perry Lee, Simpson County

"We received a little rain which helped winter forages to emerge. The corn harvest looks good. Worms are picking up in soybeans."

— James A. Minor, Jones County

Weather Summary / From 10/02/94 to 10/08/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	(Days)	(Hour Weeks)	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	87	49	69	66	2.9	.65	.02	1	1.20	87	69	78	.19
Clarksdale	86	54	72	67	4.3	1.31	.69	3	2.60	81	63	74	.09
Cleveland	88	55	72	68	3.9	.38	-.32	2	1.03				
Extreme/Average	88	49	71	67	3.7	.78	.13	2	1.61	87	63	76	.14
2. North-Central													
Memphis	87	55	72	67	4.5	1.01	.37	2	2.22				
Holly Springs	85	47	67	64	3.4	1.13	-.39	2	2.47	85	63	72	.15
Oxford	88	48	68	65	3.8	2.01	1.24	2	3.55				
Extreme/Average	88	47	69	65	3.9	1.38	.67	2	2.75	85	63	72	.15
3. Northeast													
Corinth	83	46	67	65	2.4	1.65	.93	2	2.68				
Iuka	83	47	64	65	-.2	1.38	.64	2	3.14				
Booneville	82	51	67	65	2.4	1.75	1.01	2	2.45				
Pontotoc	84	49	68	65	2.8	1.41	.64	2	2.16	M	64	M	M
Tupelo	85	52	69	67	2.6	1.47	.70	2	2.06				
Verona	84	50	68	67	1.6	1.71	.94	2	3.72	88	60	71	.17
Extreme/Average	85	46	67	66	1.9	1.56	.81	2	2.70	88	60	71	.17
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville	88	55	73	68	5.6	2.47	1.82	2	3.41	79	66	73	.21
Greenwood	88	54	74	68	5.8	2.62	1.85	2	3.78				
Belzoni	88	56	72	68	4.4	1.95	1.18	1	4.05	89	73	81	
Rolling Fork	86	56	72	68	4.1	3.09	2.33	2	5.28	85	75	80	.13
Yazoo City	86	57	72	69	3.2	1.68	.84	3	2.51				
Extreme/Average	88	54	73	68	4.6	2.36	1.60	2	3.81	89	66	78	.17
5. Central													
Winona	83	47	66	65	.9	1.47	.74	2	2.79				
Carthage	84	50	69	67	1.7	1.64	.94	2	3.12				
Jackson	84	54	72	69	3.0	1.50	.80	2	2.86				
Extreme/Average	84	47	69	67	1.9	1.54	.83	2	2.92				
6. East-Central													
State University	83	51	69	67	1.6	2.54	1.76	2	5.69	79	65	72	.15
Columbus	85	54	72	67	4.9	3.30	2.56	2	5.98				
Brooksville	83	56	71	67	4.7	1.10	.40	2	3.40				
Extreme/Average	85	51	71	67	3.7	2.31	1.67	2	5.02	79	65	72	.15
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	85	56	71	70	1.5	1.59	.78	2	3.40				
Oakley	88	51	70	68	2.6	.85	.08	2	2.38	87	62	76	
Crystal Springs	91	55	72	67	5.4	1.31	.61	2	2.06	82	64	73	
Aicorn				68		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	83	58	72	71	1.6	1.21	.37	2	2.41				
Extreme/Average	91	51	71	69	2.8	1.24	.46	2	2.56	87	62	75	
8. South-Central													
McComb	88	54	74	70	3.9	.66	-.13	2	1.99				
Columbia	88	54	71	70	1.4	1.52	.84	2	2.45				
Extreme/Average	88	54	73	70	2.7	1.09	.36	2	2.22				
9. Southeast													
Newton	86	48	69	67	2.2	.91	.14	2	1.55	84	62	73	.13
Meridian	87	53	72	68	3.9	.50	-.20	3	1.68				
Laurel	84	54	69	69	.6	1.32	.65	2	3.15				
Hattiesburg	87	55	72	69	2.4	2.40	1.72	2	3.05				
Beaumont	87	48	69	69	-.6	2.64	1.94	2	7.25	88	68	78	
Extreme/Average	87	48	70	68	1.7	1.55	.85	2	3.34	88	62	76	.13
10. Coastal													
Poplarville	94	58	74	71	3.1	1.34	.54	3	2.90	90	62	78	.17
Bay St. Louis	85	56	73	71	2.2	2.95	2.23	1	9.29				
Gulfport	83	61	74	73	1.4	.78	-.09	2	7.10				
Biloxi	84	62	75	73	1.7	.79	-.04	1	6.51				
Pascagoula	82	58	72	73	-.1	.35	-.58	2	6.81				
Extreme/Average	94	56	74	72	1.7	1.24	.41	2	6.52	90	62	78	.17
State Averages			71	68	2.6	1.55	.80		3.49			75	.15

State Extremes	Location	Date
Greatest one day precipitation	Bay St. Louis	10/09/94
Greatest weekly precipitation	Columbus	10/05/94
Maximum air temperature	Poplarville	10/4/94
Minimum air temperature	Corinth	10/05/94
Maximum soil temperature	Poplarville	10/5/94
Minimum soil temperature	Verona	10/06/94
Greatest one day pan evaporation	Stoneville	10/4/94
Greatest weekly pan evaporation	Stoneville	

Abbreviations:
 Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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